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RESPONSE

Sir

In response to the non-final Office Action dated January 26, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration on the merits and allowance of the claims. Applicants request for a two-month extension of time, extending the period for reply from April 26, 2007 to June 26, 2007. Please charge the extension fee to our credit card. No other fee is believed due in connection with this submission. In the event that any other fee is due, please charge or credit Deposit Account No. 50-0842 for such fee.

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